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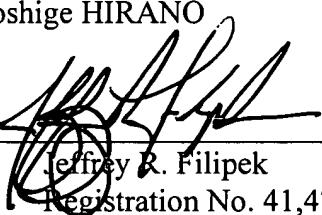
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- 5. an International Search Report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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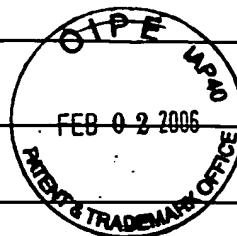
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